

REMARKS

Claims 36-47 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claim 36-47

Claims 36-47 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,747,675. A terminal disclaimer has been concurrently filed herewith in regard to the claims currently pending in order to overcome these rejections.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063[MSFTP1928USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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